From Lord Avebury

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Dear Mr Azzam,

I now enclose a copy of a letter I've had from Captain Peter Shaw, the Secretary of the British Group of the Inter-parliamentary Union about the case of Dr. Erbakan, former Deputy Prime Minister of Turkey and another former member of the Turkish parliament, about whom you wrote to me on December 16.

I'm sorry it looks as though, because of the suspension of Turkey from the IPU, they will not be able to intervene, but if we do hear anything from the Secretary General in Geneva we will certainly let you know. In the meanwhile I wonder if you had thought of drawing these cases and the other detentions in Turkey to the attention of Amnesty International?

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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